

**- Board Will Decide on Military Service Academy Nominations for Students in 19th District -**

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative John Hall (D-NY19) today announced the creation of his Review Board to nominate students in the 19th Congressional District for admission into one of the four United States military service academies.

“Admission into our nation’s service academies has always been very competitive,” added Hall. “But it is my hope that the people my board nominates will be accepted to an academy and have the chance to pursue their goals of attaining a world-class education while making a commitment to serve our country.”

Application for admission into a military service academy is different from that of a normal college application process. To be considered for admission into the Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, or Merchant Marine Academy, students must first be nominated by either a member of the House of Representatives or a U.S. Senator. House Members nominate individuals in their Congressional district, while Senators can make nominations from throughout their home state. Congressman Hall established his Service Academy Review Board to help evaluate applicants before making nominations. Applicants can seek a nomination from both their Senators and their Member of Congress.

“There are many highly qualified and impressive young candidates in our district who submit applications for a service academy nomination,” said Hall. “I’m confident that the Review Board I’ve set up will be well-equipped to evaluate which individuals should be nominated for further admissions consideration.”

Congressman Hall opened the Board's kick-off meeting held November 17th in Castle Point, New York by thanking Board members for their assistance in selecting the top candidates.

Hall has chosen 13 members to serve on his Service Academy Review Board:

- **Brigadier General Glenn Lesniak, of Monroe.** Lesniak is currently an Army Reservist and the Commanding General for the 94th Regional Readiness Command. He is a 1976 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and will serve as Chairman of the Review Board.
- **William S. Augerson, M.D., of Millbrook.** Augerson is a retired Army Major General, and has also served as the Director of Health Care Operations for the Army Surgeon General. Augerson currently works in the private sector as an independent consultant, and among other things has recently conducted research on Gulf War illnesses.
- **Pamela J. Barrett, of Poughquag.** Barrett’s extensive professional experience includes work in several roles within the Air Force, in addition to working at an accounting firm and at IBM since 1999. While with the Air Force, Barrett worked in Public Relations, Recruitment and Selection, and Personnel Administration, while earning Air Force Commendation and Achievement Medals, among other awards.
- **Andrew T. Chmar, of Cold Spring.** Chmar’s public service includes an extensive career as an officer in the United States. He has also worked in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, and Singapore. Chmar earned an Engineering Degree from the United States Military

Academy, and has taught at West Point as an Assistant Professor.

- **Jeffrey Lewis, of Hopewell Junction.** Lewis, a graduate of Carmel High School, is also a 1977 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, where he earned a Degree in Engineering. Lewis compiled 3,000 hours as an Air Force Pilot and later as a flight instructor before starting Hudson Glass Co., a small business he has owned and operated for the last 24 years.

- **Louis H. Liotti, of Garrison.** Liotti served in the United States Navy from 1970-71, and has most recently served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1995. Liotti received a Law Degree from Hofstra University in 1974 and in addition to working as a Customs Law Specialist for the United States Customs Service served as Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County from 1979 to 1984.

- **Timothy T. Lupfer, of Yorktown Heights.** Lupfer graduated first in his class from West Point before serving in the military from 1972 to 1992. After beginning his career as an Armor officer, Lupfer went on to serve as Speechwriter for the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, Assistant History Professor at West Point, Joint Staff Officer at the Pentagon, and later earned the Bronze Star for his role as a Tank Battalion Commander in Operation Desert Storm.

- **James J. Maxwell, of Mahopac.** Marine Colonel Maxwell is a graduate of St. John's University and the U.S. Army War College. He has worked as an investigator for the FBI Joint Terrorist Task Force in New York City.

- **Marianne P. Malizia, of Newburgh.** A 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Malizia served as an Army Officer until 1991, before serving in the Army Reserves from 1991-2003. Since retiring from active duty Malizia has worked as a Consultant, Senior Executive Assistant, and most recently as Facilitator and Curriculum Manager at Booz Allen Hamilton in New York City.

- **Frank Monaco, of Carmel.** Monaco is a 1970 West Point graduate, and by the end of his military career attained the rank of Colonel while serving as the Director of Information Management at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Since 1997, Monaco has worked as CIO/Vice President of Information Technology at Pace University, Westchester County and New York City, NY. He also has three sons who are Academy Graduates, two from West Point, and one from the Air Force Academy.

- **William Robert Phillips, of Mount Kisco.** After earning a Bachelor of Science Degree at West Point in 1972, Phillips went on to earn a Masters Degree at the Naval Postgraduate School in 1983 and a Graduate Degree from the United States Air Force War College in 1994. Phillips has over 30 years of military experience in the United States, Germany, Panama, and Korea, and retired in 2003 with the rank of Colonel. Since 1993 he has worked for the United Nations and NATO, and since 2005 has functioned as Chief of the Peacekeeping Operations Support Service at the UN Department of Safety and Security.

- **Lieutenant Colonel Brian Tighe, of Washingtonville.** Tighe has served in several military capacities, performing 8 years of active duty in addition to serving 8 years as a C-5A Aircraft Commander, while logging 3,900 hours of military flight time. Most recently, Tighe served from 2000-2006 as an Admissions Liaison Officer for the United States Air Force Academy and Air Force ROTC program.

- **Samuel L. Tucker, of Otisville.** Prior to working as a teacher and longtime high school guidance counselor, Tucker fought in the Korean War, and has been an active veteran, serving previously as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Commander, and currently in the same role in the American Legion. His military decorations include a Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Bronze

Star, and a Parachute Badge.

• **Deborah Vann Edelen, of Cornwall.** After graduating on the Dean's List from West Point in 1992 with a Superintendent's Award for Excellence and Leadership, Vann Edelen served in Hanau, Germany, from 1992 to 1995. Vann Edelen later earned a Masters Degree from Duke University in 2001, and was Director of Organizational Support for the Association of US Military Academy Graduates from 2002-2004.

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